GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:113
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2000
DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLOODS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several States in the country have been badly affected by the floods during the current year;

(b) if so, the losses caused to life and property, crops and animals due to the floods in these States, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have sent any Central Team to the States for making assessment of losses suffered by the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of Central assistance provided to these States against their demands in addition to calamities relief fund, State-wise;

(f) whether some State Governments have demanded to treat the entire amount provided to them for flood relief as grants;

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(h) the concrete measures taken by the Government to control floods?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.113 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27T NOVEMBER, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): Central Teams have visited the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal & Karnataka during June to November this year.

(e): The State-wise details are in Annexure-II.

(f)&(g): It is primarily the responsibility of the States to provide relief to the people in the wake of natural calamities. Central Government only supplements the efforts of the States. State Governments at times do request for entire assistance sought by them for reconstruction/rehabilitation to be the commitment of the Central Government. However, besides assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), financial assistance under other heads is also provided wherever feasible.

(h): Measures taken to control floods include both structural and non-structural measures like construction of reservoirs, embankments, anti-erosion works and flood proofing.

ANNEXURE-I

DETAILS OF LOSS/DAMAGE DURING 2000 DUE TO FLOODS

S.No.	Name of State	No.of dist-ricts affected	Loss of human life (Nos.)	Animals lost (Nos.)	Houses damaged (Lakhs)	Cropped area damaged (Lakh ha.)

1. Andhra Pradesh	18	257	5368	1.04	4.22
2. Arunachal Pra.	4	26	NR	NR	NR
3. Assam	18	32	NR	NR	2.24
4. Bihar	33	273	1815	2.81	3.90
5. Gujarat	10	116	406	0.24	NR
6. Himachal Pra.	3	100	NR	NR	NR
7 Karnataka	NR	152	690	0.55	0.57
8. Kerala	14	75	NR	0.09	NR
9. Madhya Pradesh	6	13	147	0.03	NEG.
10. Punjab	7	7	NR	NEG.	NR
11. Sikkim	1	11	NR	NEG.	NR
12. Uttar Pradesh	39	400	871	0.34	4.35
13. West Bengal	9	1320	83630	21.95	19.20

NR = Not reported. NEG. = Negligible.

ANNEXURE-II

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE STATES

S.No.	Name of State	Centres	Share of CRF released during 2000-01 (Rs. in Crores)	Other assistance provided
1.	Andhra Pradesh		148.54	Rs.200 crores for repair of highways.
2.	Arunachal Pra.		4.40	Rs. 34.89 crores released as Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resource.
3.	Assam		15.66	
4.	Bihar		Nil	
5.	Gujarat		131.14	
6.	Himachal Pra.		8.44	Rs.50.00 crores ways and means advance and Rs.50.00 crore as advance normal Central assistance.
7	Karnataka		13.11	
8.	Kerala		17.34	
9.	Madhya Pradesh		31.99	
10.	Punjab		16.95	
11.	Sikkim		2.95	
12.	Uttar Pradesh		39.18	
13.	West Bengal		75.83	Rs.422.43 crores revenue deficit grant.

Rs.58.90 crores from Department of Drinking Water Supply, Rs.7.00 croresfrom Department of Surface Transport, Rs.18.51 crores from Department of Rural Development.

In addition to the above assistance, the Army and Air Force assisted the StateGovernments in relief measures like evacuation of people, air-dropping of food packets and relief materials. Foodgrains at BPL rates had been supplied to the StateGovernments particularly to the States of Bihar and West Bengal.Medicines, disinfectants, bleaching powder, halogen tablets etc. were also supplied to the affected States.